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*KONJAKU MONOGATARI (31-VOLUME COLLECTION OF STORIES FROM THE HEIAN ERA)

A MAN TOO OFTEN IN SORROW BECOMES AS A STONE AND THE STONE CONTINUES TO CRY OUT INTO THE NIGHT, UNTIL IT RETURNS TO THE SOIL.

HUMANS ARE BORN OF THE EARTH AND RETURN TO IT.

USHIO TO TORA <GAIDEN>

ONCE THEY RETURN TO THE EARTH, THEY DO NOT COME BACK TO THIS WORLD.

NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE THINGS THAT COME FROM THE EARTH THAT DO RETURN.

YOUKAI ARE SUCH THINGS.

BY ABE MASAJI
FROM "THE YOUKAI OF JAPAN"

妖今昔物語

BAKEMONO KONJAKU MONOGATARI

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外伝

IT IS LONG AGO-

CHULINA-GON OF SHINGYOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS. HER NAME WAS FUBUKI,

BUT NO ONE EVER CALLED HER THAT.

BECAUSE NO HUMAN EMOTION HAD EVER PASSED OVER HER FACE SINCE BIRTH, PEOPLE CALLED HER IWAHIME, THE PRINCESS OF STONE.

CHULINAGON, HER FATHER, WORRIED OVER THIS, AND SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY GATHERING DOCTORS AND SOOTH-SAYERS, BUT THEY WERE INEFFECTIVE.

AND THEN, THE PRINCESS' BEAUTY CAUGHT THE EYE OF AN ONMYOUJI* WITH EVIL IN HIS HEART.

*SORCERER

THE TIME IS THE HEIAN ERA- AN ERA WHOSE DARK NIGHT IS A DEEPER INDIGO THAN OURS.

BEAUTIFUL IWAHIME, DEVOID OF ALL EXPRESSION!

PRINCESS!

*13-STRINGED JAPANESE ZITHER

DO YOU PLAY THE KOTO* WITH YOUR SUPPLE FINGER, YOUR FACE WITHOUT EXPRESSION?

DO YOU SING WITH SUCH LIPS, LIKE THE PETALS OF A FLOWER?

YOU WILL BELONG TO THE GREAT ONMYOUJI SHIBA KUCHIME!

I WILL MAKE YOU MINE.

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BLADE

*SORCEROR OF THE BLACK ARTS

GUAAHU!

FUH! A SUSPICIOUS JAHOUSHI*

W-WHO ARE YOU!?

I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THAT YOU DESIRE.

KUH KUH KUH, PRINCESS... COME WITH ME.

LOOK UPON MY SHIKIGAMI AND YOU WILL NOT BE SO CALM!

FUHM. YOU ARE INDEED THE PRINCESS OF STONE THEY CALL YOU.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I DES RE.

I BELONG TO NO ONE. BESIDES,

NOW... BECOME SHIBA KUCHIME'S!

I AM MOST PLEASED BY THIS!

ATTEN-DANT* INOUE MUMYOU IS YOUR ENEMY!

BACK, FIEND!

9 *IN THIS CASE, ONE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO GUARD NOBLES

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FOOL! YOU'LL DIE REGRETTING THIS!

FUHN. I'D HEARD THERE WAS QUITE THE UPSTART UNDERLING SAMURAI HERE. IS IT YOU?

I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR THE PRINCESS!

mumyou!

HOH HOH...HOW INTERESTING. I DO SO LOVE INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

HA HA HA HA HA!

IN ANY EVENT, I WILL MAKE IWAHIME MINE!

FOUR DAYS HENCE, I WILL RETURN! AT THAT TIME, TRY TO RESIST ME A BIT. I ESPECIALLY ANTICIPATE THE FIGHT WITH YOU, MUMYOU.

WE SHALL PLAY FOR THE PRINCESS!

LET US HAVE SOME SPORT!

HAH
HAH
HAH

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

IS THE PRINCESS SAFE!?

AS LONG...AS SHE. .IS SAFE...

YOU DID THE MOST TO DESERVE IT!

YOU PROTECTED THE PRINCESS FROM THAT JAHOUSHI!

COME ON, MUMYOU! DRINK! THIS SAKE IS FROM CHUU-NAGON-SAMA!

*JAPANESE LUTE

THEY LAUGH EVEN IN THE IMPERIAL COURT. HOWEVER WELL SHE SINGS OR PLAYS THE BIWA*, YOU CAN'T KNOW THE REAL HEART OF SOMEONE WITHOUT EMOTIONS.

YEAH, THE PRINCESS OF STONE! WHAT A RIOT!

BUT THAT KUCHIME JAHOUSHI IS PRETTY STRANGE TO WANT THAT PRINCESS.

IN FOUR DAYS, I WILL RETURN!

THE NAME OF THE ONE WE PROTECT AS ATTENDANTS IS FUBUKI-SAMA.

EXACTLY! IT'D BE BETTER TO HOLD A REAL STONE, RATHER THAN IWAHIME, WHO DOESN'T CRY OR SMILE AS A GOOD WOMAN WOULD!

AND I WILL KILL YOU.

CALL HER BY ANY OTHER NAME-

THERE ISN'T ANYONE IN THE CAPITAL THAT STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST THAT KUCHIME ONMYOUJI...

YES, IT SEEMS THEY'VE GIVEN UP ON CHUUNAGON-DONO AND THE PRINCESS.

BUT IT IS PROBLEMATIC THAT THEY'LL SEND ONLY A SINGLE ONMYOUJI FROM THE CAPITAL AGAINST THAT KUCHIME...

KURABITO*-SAMA...

*KEEPER OF THE IMPERIAL ARCHIVE

YESSIR ...

FUHN, ATTENDANT? YOU SHOULD HAVE DUTIES TO PERFORM DURING THE DAY, SO GET TO THEM.

SFX: TWANG TWANG

THAT'S THE PRINCESS'S BIWA...

!

SFX: TWANG TWANG

SFX: TWANG!

A THIEF IS IN THE PRINCESS'S SLEEPING CHAMBERS!

...I APOLOGIZE. THE THIEF HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

THE THIEF SWUNG A NAKED BLADE AND TOOK SOME KIMONO.

THAT WAY! HE RAN THAT WAY!

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WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

WHAT ...

YESSIR ...

HM! LEAVE.

I'VE SEEN YOU PLAYING WITH CHILDREN ON THE HIGHWAY FROM TIME TO TIME...

MADAM! IT'S MUMYOU. INOUE MUMYOU.

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LAUGHING...

YELLING LOUDLY ...

I ENVY YOU..

MUMYOU ...

YES, MA'AM. I'LL NO LONGER DO SUCH SHAMEFUL-

IT LOOKED TO BE SUCH FUN...

EVEN WHEN THE THEF HELD A KNIFE ON ME...NO TEARS WOULD FLOW...

MY FACE... NEVER SHOWS ANY EXPRESSION OF EMOTION..

.....

OH, PRINCESS... YOU SHOULDN'T SPEAK TO THE LOWER CLASSES SO..

I WILL NOT LET SOME STRAY ONMYOUJI DO WHATEVER HE PLEASES!!

I WILL PROTECT YOU!

PRINCESS!

P-P-

I NEED KAMO-SAMA'S HELP!

PLEA SE! I BEG YOU!

CHUUNA-GON-SAMA'S DAUGHTER IS BEING TARGETED BY AN EVIL ONMYOU-JI!

PLEASE! I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE GREAT ONMYOUJI KAMO-SAMA!!

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OH... REALLY? I SEE...

HE LEFT ON SOME BUSINESS FAR FROM HERE AND WILL NOT RETURN ANY TIME SOON.

OH! IS KAMO-SAMA HERE? THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

YOU W SH TO SAVE THE PR.NCESS, SAMURA.-SAMA?

YES. YOU'RE DEFINITELY KAMO-SAMA'S CHILD. YOU HAVE SHARP EARS.

...FUBUKI-SAMA IS BEING TARGETED BY SHIBA KUCHIME, A MAGICIAN WHO USES SHIKIGAMI, YES?

THE PRINCESS... SHE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING WRONG! WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO HER!?

OF COURSE!

I HAD NO IDEA HOW TRULY TERRIBLE IT WAS, BUT THEN I SAW HER!

IWAHIME. A WOMAN WITHOUT EMOTION COULD NOT SING. SHE WOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF PLAYING THE BIWA. EVEN AS THEY SLANDER HER, THE PRINCESS STANDS RESOLUTE AND PROUD--

WHEN PEOPLE ARE HAPPY, THEY LAUGH WHEN THEY'RE SAD, THEY CRY THAT IS HOW A NORMAL LIFE IS LIVED, BUT THE PRINCESS DOESN'T HAVE THAT. SHE LIVES HER LIFE WITHOUT LIVING ALL HER EMOTIONS SEALED UP INSIDE

AMONGST BOISTEROUSLY NOISY COURT LADIES-

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SINCE THEN, I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THE PRINCESS!

THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT EXPRESSION-

THE PRINCESS PINCHING HER OWN FACE

I CAN'T-

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT THAT JAHOUSHI. I COULDN'T KILL HIS SHIKIGAMI EITHER!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO NOW!?

EXPERIENCE FEAR, AND IT W'LL BE A TERRIFIED FACE. SADNESS, A FACE OF SORROW. IN OTHER WORDS, TO BREAK THE DAM OF THE HEART-

KAMO-SAMA SAYS THAT IF ONE BREAKS THE DAM ON THE HEART OF ONE HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED TRUE FEAR OR SADNESS, IT WILL OVERFLOW WITH EMOTION.

IS TO EVOKE A STRONG FEE..NG IN THEM..

THE WAY TO RETURN EMOTIONS TO ONE WITHOUT THEM-

BUT IT IS A TERRIBLE PROPOSITION.

A VANGUARD ...OF THE HEART?

IT REQUIRES SOME VANGUARD OF THE HEART.

WHAT IS IT?

THERE IS ONE MORE THING. THERE IS A WAY TO SAVE FUBUKI-HIME FROM KUCHIME...

I HAVE COME TO ASK A FAVOR OF THE MONONOKE WHO MAKES A HOME OF THIS DESTROYED TEMPLE! WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO EAT A BEAUTIFUL, NOBLE PRINCESS? I HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST HER, AND I WANT HER TO BE EATEN BY A YOUKAI!!

IS THIS IT?

YES I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS

DO YOU KNOW OF THE BAKEMONO THAT RECENTLY ASSAULTED THE CAPITAL?

HOW ABOUT IT? HER HAIR SMELLS SWEET! HER SKIN IS SMOOTH! DON'T YOU WANT TO DEVOUR HER!?

YOU MUST ASK A FAVOR OF THAT BAKEMONO

COME TO EAT HER TOMOR-ROW EVENING

WHO, R DES STORMS LACED WITH LIGHTNING

THEY SAY IIT S A DREADFUL MAN-EATING DEMON

HEH HEH ...

ARE YOU SERIOUS ?

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TOMORROW, AN ONMYOUJI WILL ATTACK THE PRINCESS'S HOME...

BUT, THIS IS A TERRIBLE PROPOSI-TION

AFTER THAT...YOU MAY DO AS YOU LIKE.

I IMPLORE YOU. TO EAT THE PRINCESS, YOU MUST DEFEAT HIM QUICKLY.

EVERYONE, LISTEN! JAHOUSHI SHIBA KUCHIME IS COMING!

THE PRINCESS'S MANSION.

THE NEXT NIGHT

WE SHOULD JUST RUN...

HE SAYS THAT, BUT GOING AGAINST SUCH A BAKEMONO FOR THE PRINCESS OF STONE?

WE MUST PROTECT THE PRINCESS WITH OUR LIVES!

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OH? THE LAMP...

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CHIYO-DONO!

WHAT'S WRONG!?

OH, CHIYO-DONO-

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HUIIIH!

KYAAAH!!

PRINCESS, I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOU WITH ME, AS PROMISED.

FUH FUH FUH ...

SUCH STRANGE ARTS ARE NOTHING TO SAMURAI SUCH AS US!

THE EVIL ONMYOUJI IS HERE! SHOW HIM THE POWER OF OUR OWN ONMYOUJI!!

HA HA HA, FOOLS!

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VIC-TORY

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HIIIH!

KYAH!

NOW, IWAHIME, YOU'LL BE COMING WITH ME.

AND THIS IS MY ANSWER. YOU ARE BENEATH ME.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO DO SO, I WILL KILL THOSE AROUND YOU ONE BY ONE.

Y-
YOU'RE-

NO
MATTER!
I
WILL KILL
ANYONE
WHO
STANDS IN
MY WAY!

FUHN! IDIOT.

AH!

MY SHIKI-GAMI!

IF THIS IS HOW IT IS...HIH HH...

SHIT! IF THIS IS HOW IT IS...

SHIT! THEY SANK TO ASKING A YOUKAI FOR HELP...

LEAVE THE WOMAN ALONE...I PLAN TO EAT HER.

PRINCESS, YOU ARE MINE!

LH LH LH LH

KU-CHIME!

HIH..

YOU WILL GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR THE PRINCESS!

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID, MUMYOU..

...YOU? OF COURSE... YOU PLANNED THIS!

BUT...

KUH!

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ズル

HIH HIH H H. YOU TOO WILL GO TO HELL...

I...I'M ALL RIGHT. I...

HAH

HAH

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MUMYOU?

HAH

HAH

HAH

HE PROTECTED ME!

THIS MAN...

AND NOW...

I INTEND TO PROTECT YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...

WILL YOU... PROTECT ME?

FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...

YES?

IT WOULD BE MY PLEA-SURE.

HA HA HA! AS PROMISED, I GET THE WOMAN!

PRIN-CESS!

!

THE MONONOKE HAS THE PRINCESS.

WHAT THE-?

NOW, I SHALL EAT YOU!

IF I DE
TO DIE

mumyou

I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR THE PRINCESS!

IF I DIE

HERE YOU ARE ...

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO EAT HER.

I APOLOGIZE, BUT I SAID THAT SO THAT YOU WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE ONMYOUJI...

WHAT? YOU WANTED ME TO EAT HER, DIDN'T YOU?

I SEE. I WAS THINKING THAT IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

BUT I WILL NOW TAKE MY RE-COMPENSE IN SPADES -

IF YOU CANNOT FORGIVE ME,

THEN LET US DUEL.

YOH!

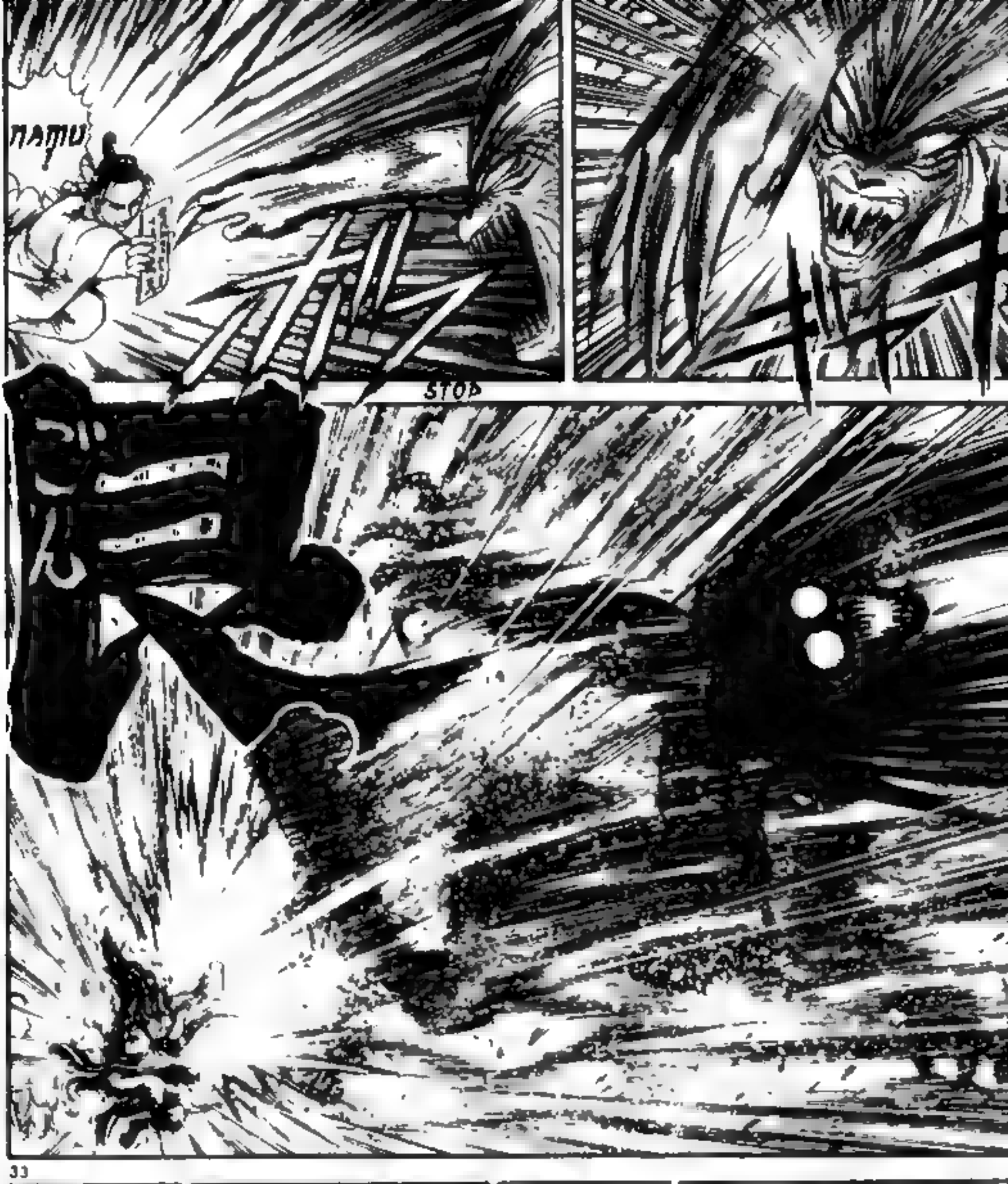
FOR HAVING BEEN MADE TO PLAY THE FOOL!

PLEASE TAKE THIS.

WHAT IS IT?

SOMETHING THAT MAY BE OF USE TO YOU AT THE END

I AM A SHIKIGAMI ORDERED TO REPORT ON THIS, TO THE SENSEI WHO HAS LEARNED OF THE SITUATION FROM AFAR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TUTOU
TU-TUTOU

SHIT!

T-THAT'S... A SEAL WRITTEN BY THE HAND OF THAT DAMNED KAMO!

YOU SAID YOU WOULD PROTECT ME FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

RIGHT? MUMYOU!

MU-MYOU!

SAY SOME-THING! MUMYOU!!

THE BLOOD WON'T STOP! OH...WHAT CAN I DO...

THANK GOOD-NESS. .

MUMYOU ...YOU TAUGHT ME HOW, MUMYOU!

PRINCESS... ARE YOU CRYING?

NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT...I'VE GOTTEN YOUR KIMONO ALL DIRTY ..

IT'S FINE!

COME ON...

SEE? JUST RAISE THE CORNERS... OF YOUR MOUTH...LIKE THIS...

HOW! HOW CAN I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

JUST... LIKE THIS...

WHAT IS IT? TELL ME, PLEASE!

PRINCESS... THOUGH RUDE OF ME, I HAVE A REQUEST.

PLEASE SHOW ME...YOUR SMILE, FUBUKI-SAMA...

MUMYOU ...

THANK... YOU.

THE TIME WAS LONG AGO-

BEALTI-FUL...

FUBUKI-HIME TRULY IS.

AH! I KNEW IT...

IT'S... AMAZING...

THE STORY OF THIS TRUE SAMURAI WAS PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY FOR A LONG, LONG TIME-

BAKEMONO KONJAKU MONOGATARI- THE END

WHEN A NAMELESS ATTENDANT PROTECTED IWAHIME...

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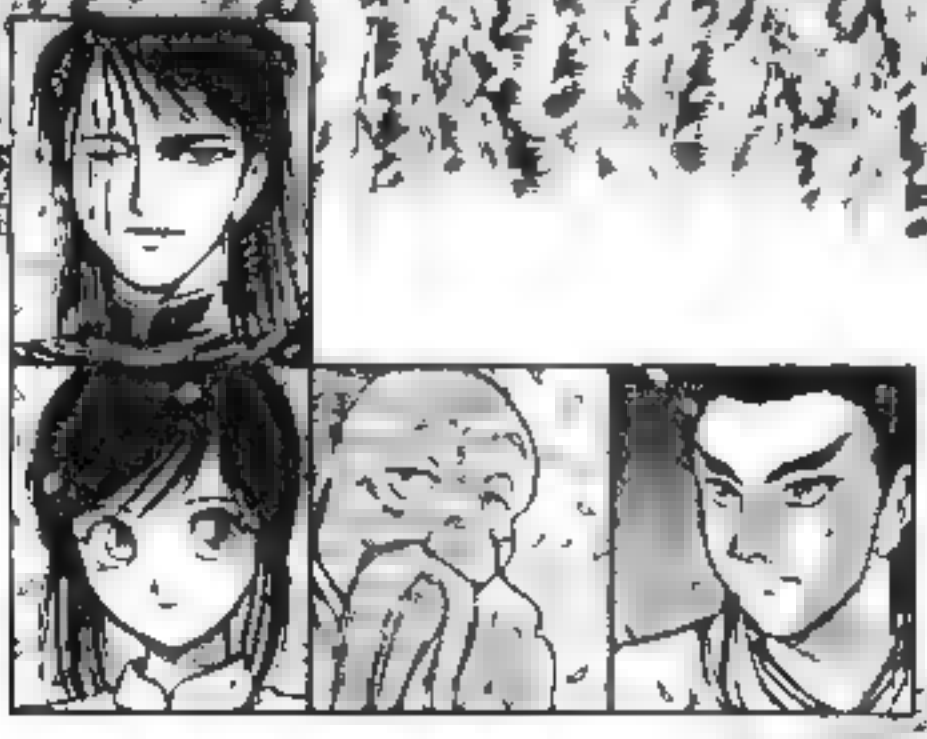

Back then, something inside me changed

And about another feeling of

I remember it even now

The day a man came from that other world

A man who taught me who had only known laughter

about terrible sadness

Why don't you accept Ro.s advances?

Hey, Mo...

I sang a song to match their beauty and you can dance along

Min Sha the eastern

Min Sha still doesn't get it. If were you, I would

Come on. Just think it's a little soon. Besides

Of course not. He's an old man.

Come now, Minsha. You haven't fallen in love with this human, have you?

You're still hanging around with the old man? He's a hermit, senn'n*. He can make the fog fly up himself.

...ng ... ...erve's place to draw him some water.

Minsha

...

Something's happening at the edge of the forest.

...

...

...

...the flowers on ... cover the ... corpse after ... while.

It happens sometimes. He... must have lost his way.

What a human?

Minsha

Typhon
Re
Sha

Come on,
Mu Sha

He's
so
breath
ing

Hmm

Can you
save him
Senjue?

His left eye's been
gouged out He's been
wandering around the
mountains without
medical care for a day
and night. Foolish

I be
you

As he lay there he called out
names If he dies those feelings
will remain I don't want to see
him become a soul that cannot
pass to the next life

No! Save him,
please

That's not it It
may be that it
was his intention
not to be saved

Ah here t s A water dragon crysta made from a pol shed b ue crysta kept n ho y ground for l vears

m rs has to be here somewhere

Hmm thought it mpossible for you to shed the usua ca m manner you ve spoken with up to th s point, Min Sh a

I'm sorry

we put th s n p a e of the man s eve

She's been spending a her time at the old man s place She's anx ous about that h man What wi you do, R ou?

D y u k n w where Mr h a s?

Sense thank you

t s nth ng

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Awaaaah
Damned
bakemono

Ah

Doushi: a person of high morals. Taoist ritualist

am just a
herm t Some
ca me a dou sh *

This s Min Sha Before, you
were n the h man world
Th s may be hard for you to
accept b t she s a p am
tree sp rit

Th s s not a
dream Th s
p ace s rea

The art

You probab y don.
be eve me b t we

When asked him why he wanted me to teach him he said nothing

Teach me the arts beg of you

f were the man was before would have doubted this But now w ding to this miracle

He was nsistent that teach him so told him would if he could retrieve a dragon scale from the bottom of the ake t's kely mpossible, but

Well can say that he works with a his might at everything he does

Stop Sense There s no way could ove such a frighten ng man

He s a man walk ng out toward a deep abyss

n that man s eye e hopelessness and the shadow of death

M n Sha Don't fa n ove with that man

Let s play

Pick me up

M n Sha- neechan

That man walk ng nto hopeless

w sh to
speak
w th yo
a one

R o

M n
Sh a

come
too

Sorry
go ng to
ake now

I said to
go away!

No no
Ch dren
go away

we can
tak ke
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Mn
Sh a

I hate peop e
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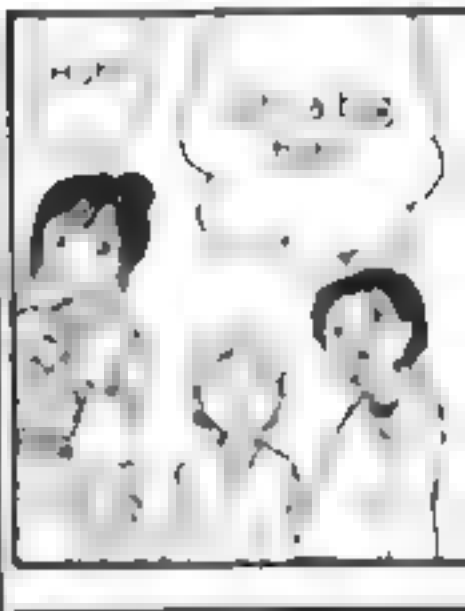
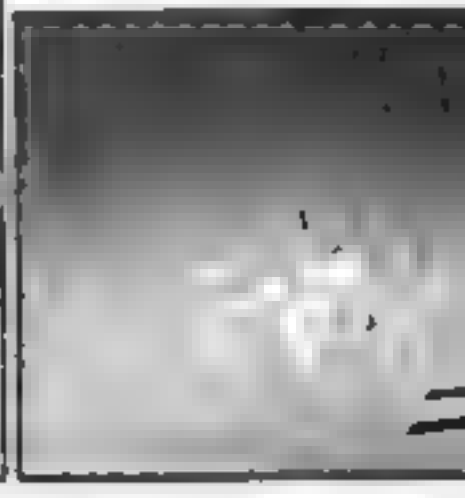
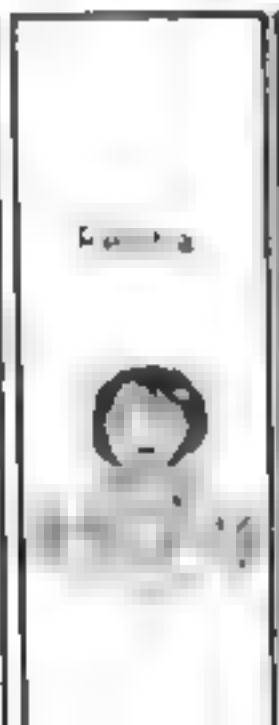
It's impossible for a normal human to get a dragon scale







can t be eve t

Thank goodness He s com ng to

ngh

Heh guess have to teach yo the senn n arts

Yo sho d thank M n sh a before that. She s beenn rsing yo s nce she bro ght yo from the ake w thout even stopp ng to p t clothes on

R ready ?

By sa rific ng flesh and b ood a man trans ends fe and death and beromes one with Heaven Th s s true en ghtenment

Onre you have th s you an fo ow the senn n path You wi need to a h eve th s

kyah

Thank yo so m ch

What a pa n

No st

muscles
magine
power rs n
p nto yo r

Fee the k
rro nd ng
yo r body

Th s s
breat ng
senn n aw
but we

k ng some

Therefore I
w on y
teach yo
what yo

A sear gives a sma
push and passes o
strength borrowed
from tree wi

and vang
comes from

A s apdash
sea cann
bakemono

Why are you doing this?

Come now it's difficult yes? You should stop this

Look at the plum blossoms How beautiful they are

It won't make the dead happy

Stop this Forget about it Better to live the rest of your few with fun and pleasure

Is that wound from a bakemono? Is it vengeance?

Fuhn we do as you like

I'll have nothing left!

I have to stop have nothing

Please let me do this

Fuh fuh

This is a have to live for

I don't know what to do for the dead, but

Let's go Mr. Sha

Hmph Doing it's just useless

It's better than doing nothing

Fuhn don't get it Give up on this practice How could you hope to defeat a bakemono anyway?

That feeling

I don't know if there was some other reason but I found myself more and more interested in this strange man

Back then you could not rely on him to smile

I had never felt before

It was possibly one

You surprised me

Hey hey Mr. Shaneechan let's play

I'm sorry to disturb you

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Oh my where s everyone e se

They went to get honey n the so thern mo nta ns

hope t opens soon

When t opens, t become a o gan an eye ab e to see ev sp r ts

Sense says t not open nth my heart changes

your other eye hasn t opened yet

まぎ

Hm yo were talking n your de m before and you said the name "Hyphon"

Don t ever say-

that name aga n

es as do

Say ng that he t rned h s back and somehow he seemed sma

m sorry

Ah no

w as terr fied Lv ng n To k agen had never been assa t ted by s ch a show of anger

m sorry

h m

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There was noth ng co d do for h m

w as embarrassed mort fied hadn t been ab e to nderstand the man one b t

m so sorry

Ah Oneechan where are yo go ng?

R o

You've been here 15 years now. Only 2 years have passed in the human world though your technique is really shaping up. But your sendou could use still use some work

Thank you sir

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Riou's kidnapped Min Shia!

What's all this racket?

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...san Something terrible

W what!?

Heh how s...

Heh sometimes a little deceit on is necessary between a man and woman. You maidens wouldn't understand

R...R...Riou was headed toward the northern forest near Mt. ...e

ere are many bakemono not spoken of here that bear a

especially ferocious

Where's the point in returning to the bitter human world only for

yes yes
Min Sha
would be
so happy

Poor
man

How
sad

You've forced me
to do this
Min Sha
You wouldn't
understand my
feelings

Ryo stop
We're about
to leave
Tokugen
We can't go
outside

nothing to do
with this

border of
Tokugen

Oooh no!
Someone!
Someone!
help
them!

This is enough!

My wife and child

ゲルル

!

Dammit, the seal!

AAAAAAA

Aww'

15 Lightning Techniques! Four Explosions!

And yet I

And yet

My daughter always had to play by herself

She had dimples when she smiled she was a good woman

My wife was my friend since childhood

There was nothing I could do... So I just held him silently .

The human man just cried in my arms.

thank you

You're a fool

Man Shu loves you

if it's me I'll leave and you can stay here with her!

But...how can you leave?

You are a plum tree in Toukagen in the fullness of bloom

A spoil of war

I'd like to know the name of the shadow under the plum tree

I get as close to the plum tree as I possibly can

And I m the shadow that fa.ls on the earth under that tree

I will

Please keep it for me, Min Shia

I w.ll leave that name here

My name is

His lonesome smile will forever live here in my shadow

Even though he walked away from here to another life

The man whose blue eye was Led with a sadness as heavy as lead

I remember even now

●桃影抄ニ符咒師・螺・完●

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The End

One-Woman Show

Hisa Ranja

But thank you, Asako chan, for coming to

through all th s rain

It's supposed to be a memento of h s

But that idiot keeps giving it to you to hold

Ushio says he'll return it when he takes it

chan! What's this, all of a sudden

your wife what kind of person was she

里に降る雨

Rain Falling on a Village

Really?

You're acting a lot like Usho, Asako-chan

I-wanna-hear-I-wanna-hear-I-wanna-hear!

That's not something you ask an adult~

Come on~

Pretty please, Oj san!!

But it's not even an interesting story

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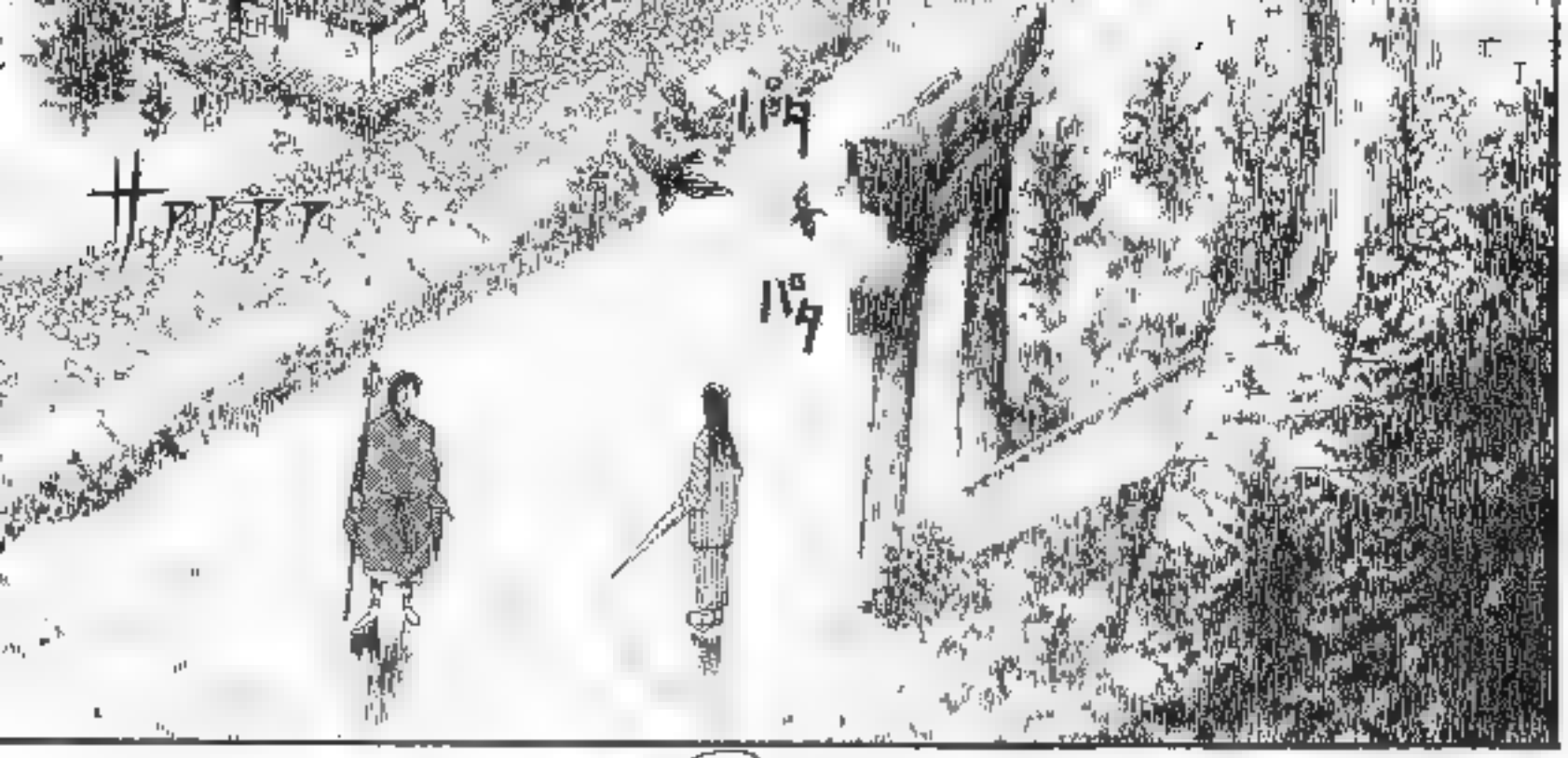
It was 16 years ago



I apologize for the sudden nature of the call
Yes,
You called?

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It was the end of September
The place was mainly in Kyushu a place famous for pottery.

Do you happen to know how to open this umbrella?

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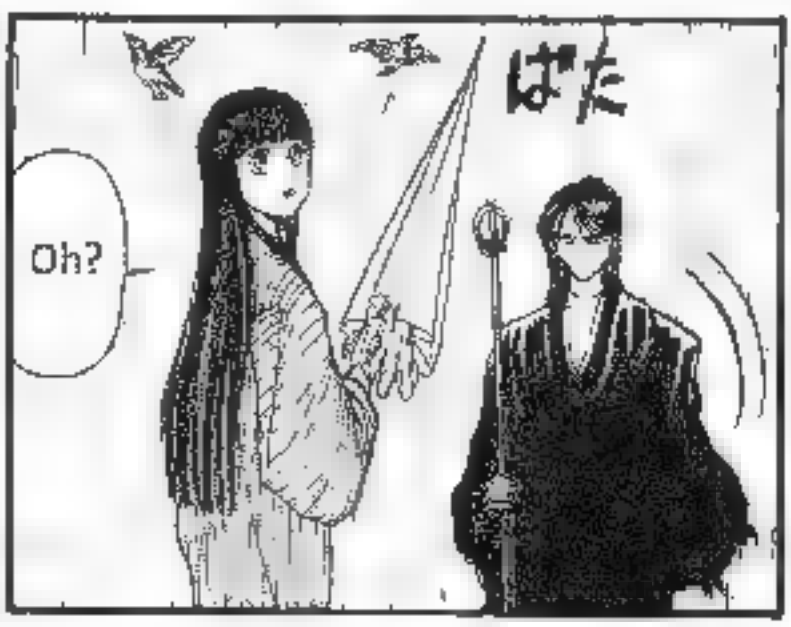
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Oh?

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It opens by use of a spring! What a convenient umbrella

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Oh my!

You're getting wet Let's go together

Back then, I was slightly more rough hewn than I am today

But, O, san, there's sort of a cold feeling to this story

My hand slipped

Hold me!

Banner Congratulations

A hourik sou is a monk whose mission is to exterminate youkai

but I'm a hourik sou

I haven't actually hidden this from you, Asako chan.

The day's coming soon when he be excommunicated, just like Kyouka

But he keeps killing bakemono as that a t takes to be a monk for the Kouhame Sect?

He doesn't try to walk the path of enlightenment

but doesn t he seem to enjoy destroying bakemono just a little too much?

He has powerful houriki at his command

Shigure's a bit of a problem

Yes He still wasn't chosen

It's because of that Even though t s in his own temple

Well there was no real focus to my life

Uhm but why were you so violent?

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By the Beast Spear

It was in the warehouse of my temple! Why won't that door open!

Why!! Why hasn't the Spear chosen me!!

The Kouhamei Sect's hidden mission was to raise the one who would be chosen to use the Spear The Spear would appear before the person naturally

The Beast Spear The holy spear that scatters bakemono called the strongest destroyer of evil in history

Then is there nothing I can do but act as a houriki sou?

Why!! The Spear won't recognize me!!

My houriki is the best. I train until I vomit blood so that it will be

Shigure what has happened? Before, you were a good monk who trained with enthusiasm

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Up to this point, your bursts of anger have only been at bakemono

And mine is killing bakemono

But each person has his or her own mission and role to play

It's not as though I do not know why you are so stormy

Yes, ma'am

It is that time again this year, .please go

Still I don't know about you...

I came here to convalesce two months ago when someone referred me to it

It's as though the earth has barely been disturbed

This place puts me, someone ignorant of the world, at ease

Ookawa Uchiyama, here in Imari, is truly a wonderful place

You've come here to exorcise a bakemono, haven't you?

Obousama· po te title for a monk

Um Obou sama*

.....

However because things have gotten more complicated n the home, a people think of s buying things

I'm not fam ar with any of it and can't buy any one thing that's satisfying

So?

My acquain tance is just such a person

You finally speak to me!

Who are you!? How do you know that?

0 Bakeneko· Ghost Cat

So every year, I'm sent here

5 years ago, during this season, that girl became the target of a bakeneko*

She s turning 20 th s year

There's a girl living in a secondary residence over there

imar C ty has some of the richest traders in ceram cs and porce a n in the who e country

O oi! I don't need an umbrella-

Really

I don't know how I still don't know why I stood under that umbrella so easily.

Wow~ She even got you to talk freely!

I'm at that pottery place from before You can return it there

It's all right. Please take it.

Rain isn't good for you

It's because I'm so bloodthirsty

Before, when you came up to me, they all flew away

The birds?

Oh, yes! That's right. The birds!

The birds wanted to fly up and land on your shoulders

No

Fuhn

Yes! Yes
sear the
sear!

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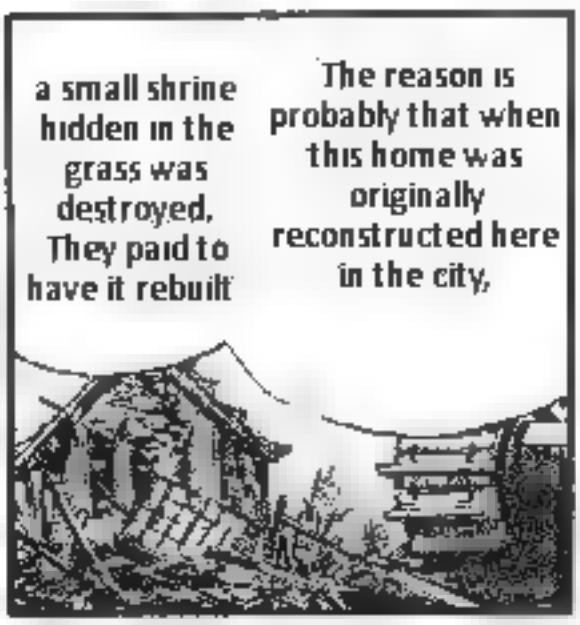

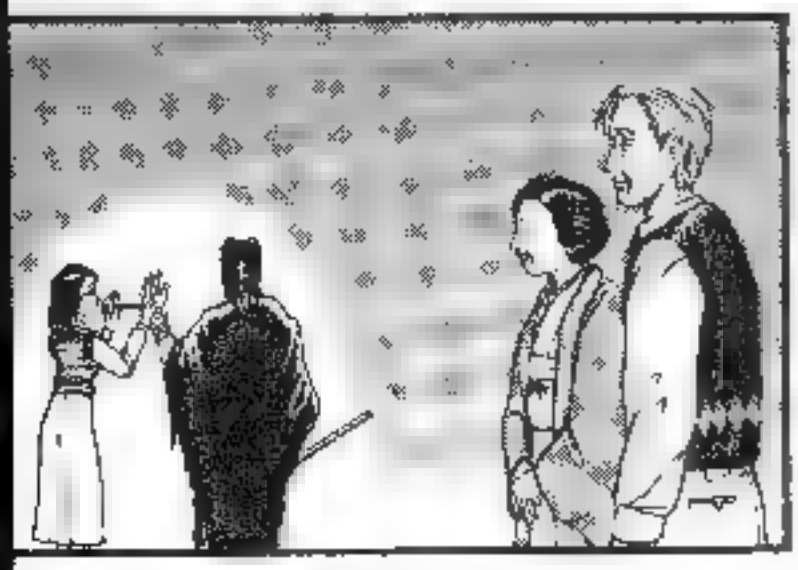

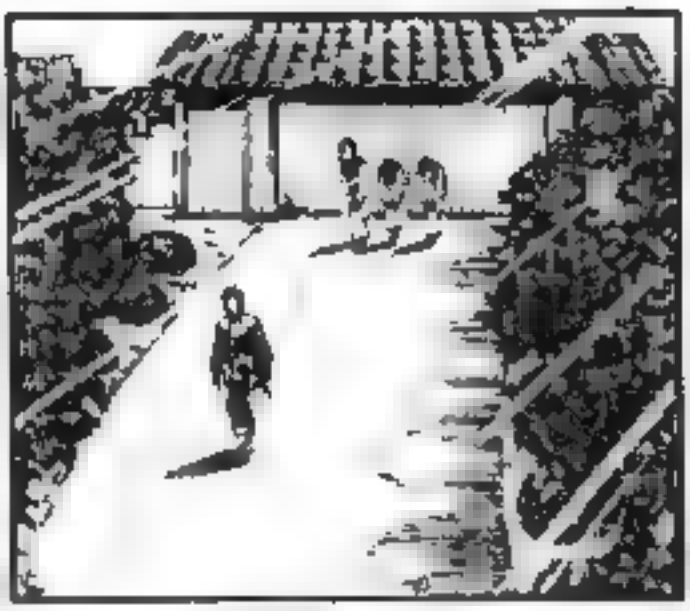

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Hana Ichi Monme- A Japanese Children s Game something like Red Rover

Just a little- little bit...

What!? Are you kidding me!

Oh, wait a moment.

Why don't you come play with the children?

What?

Okay, Obousan is going to join in with us

Senbourin Buddhist Spiked Wheel

Bouhougu Hourikisou Weapons

It's all right Please show them how you can send it flying

How do you know about hourikisou buhougu*?

Do you have a senbourin*?

Kids and birds are the same They can sense things

Woooou !

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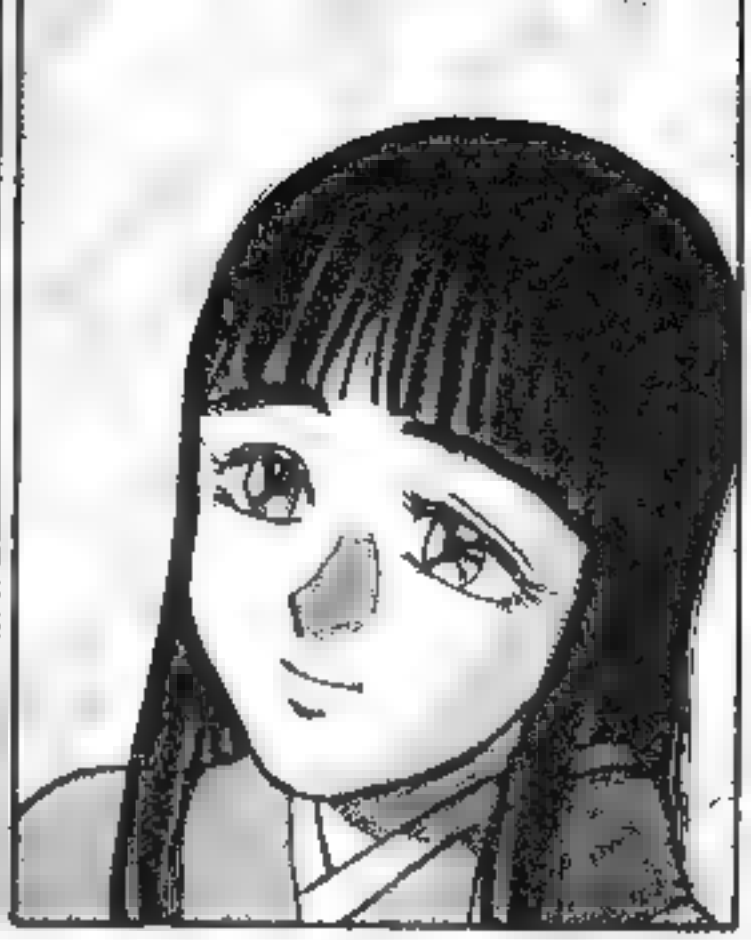
Hm?

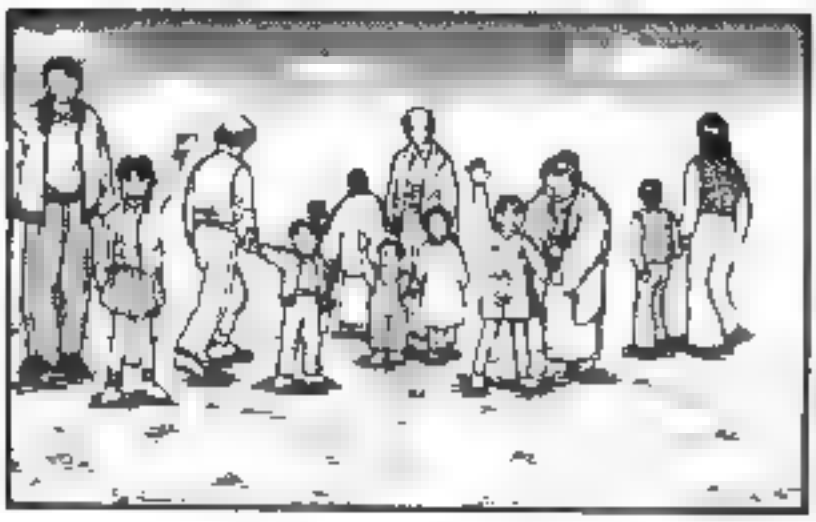
We don't know which one you mean

We want that kid.



She'd have made a good insurance agent
S she was so enthusiastic and smiley!
Hoh!
Even like that, she got you to play "hana ichi monme"?

Hoh!



By chance, did you do it to get her attention?

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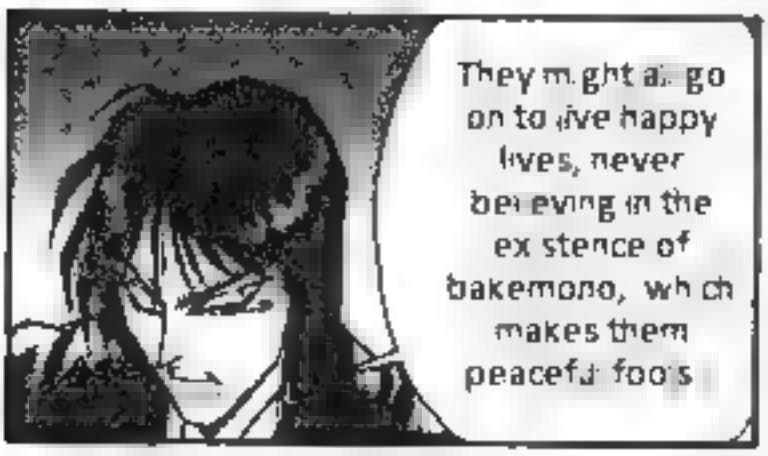
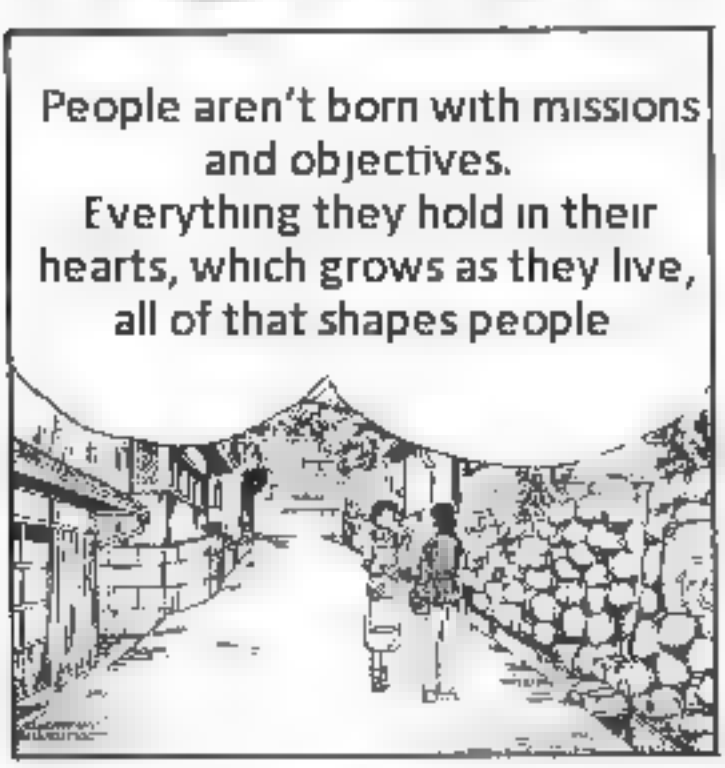

They might also go on to live happy lives, never believing in the existence of bakemono, which makes them peaceful fools

Oh, I'm not good at this kind of thing. Like anything with kids
Thank you very much. The children enjoyed it very much too

People aren't born with missions and objectives.
Everything they hold in their hearts, which grows as they live, all of that shapes people



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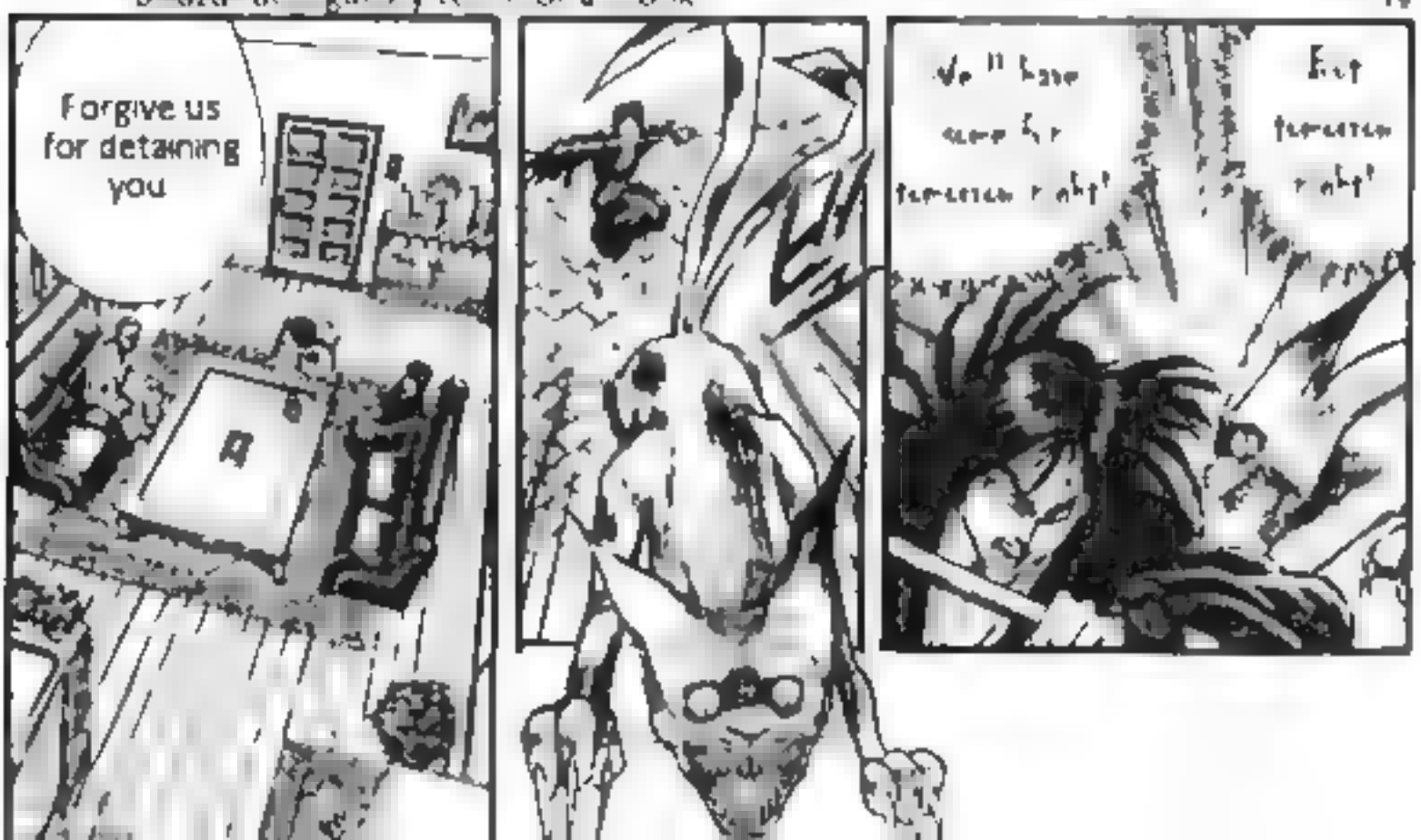

"What do I think"?

Shigure-san

What do you think of our daughter?

For 5 years, you have protected our daughter from that bakeneko

What is it?

Would you make her your bride?

Unnoticed by us, our daughter has come to love you dearly
And so, if it pleases you

5 years ago, she was a 15 year old girl

Now, she's 20

If someone is always at her side, the curse of the bakeneko will be broken

We want to end this.

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It may be rude to say this, but you would not have to continue the hazardous job of being a hourikisou

Someday, you could succeed me in my business

I dare say, as I am the president of a national ceramics chain store

Was that girl really pretty?

Yes Unfortunately

And she was extremely rich

So what was your answer, Ojisan?

Ahem

Now, then...

may I think about it?

Really

Most importantly, if you didn't want to be a hourikisou, you wouldn't have to be

Good morning

A lady told me to go buy some more comfortable clothing, so I got these but they're so strange that they make me laugh

How is it? They're called a "sweat shirt" and "jeans"

Please do

I-

I just thought it would be fun

Okay, Asako-chan, so the bakeneko had just said we'd have fun the next night

Right

Right

Guess not

Uh-uh! Uh-uh!

Okay, that's it! Then we got married

That may be when I lost my heart to her

Removed a bit from the shrine, I found something unexpected

The one that was destroyed during construction right?

Still uneasy, I went to see the small shrine at the house inside the city.

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Sign: Dookawa Ochiyama Bus Stop

There were two pots

That means-

There was a pot, just like the one in the shrine, hidden in the grass

My barrier isn't strong enough to defend against two of them.

I have to run!

one can nobble up the girl, and the

Sh t.
Caught in

-can tear

pieces!

am the one who watches over and holds the barrier against a daiyoukai, deep at the bottom of the

asked me the same

...

The time I have been given is a mere two years

Oya kame!

It can't be You're the Third

I am a woman who has returned to the world after 130 years to give birth to the one who will wield the Beast Spear

About leaving my husband and son behind What would happen?

But, Obousama I had been thinking about when I return to the bottom of the sea

It seemed too selfish to me

But it can't be helped

I thought of exchanging warm words with one precious to me and holding my child in my arms

I have long thought about it As I've these two years on my own, with great care,

Don't hold back!

Obou-sama

Humans are such sad things

I won't leave you here!

You have someone you need to protect, right?

I I can't

Going is your mission

Always swaying in their missions and in their hearts...

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ビュ！

have I been seeking all this time?

What.

When I had given up and was going to die...

And... and that girl...

every thing would be how I hoped

I thought if I excelled

Like a child wanting another toy.

Yes. I can't be anything more than myself That "can't be helped"... so. .I'll just complete my

My mission to seal bakemono!!

bouzu!

N not likely!

Hih!

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It's all right. It's returning to its pot in the city.

Thank you Thank you so much

And there's the other one...

I have thought it over, but.

But.. Shigure-sama. I wasn't just taking you in with my offer

thought you would

I

I will continue in this service

No matter what

Thank you

And

Nothing Later we met with Oyakame-sama and we had a wedding ceremony

She must be

I'm pretty sure he has someone he loves

Hey, these are Nakamura's shoes! She just comes in whenever she feels like it~

What! How rude!

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Tadaima!

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It wasn't much, right? Bit of a letdown

Phew~

Hey dammit, Ushio!

I really like you and Obasan!

You're amazing!

"Amazing"... huh?

I wouldn't really say that.

Get out from behind Tora-kun, Ushio!

W what re you doing!?

I don't regret anything

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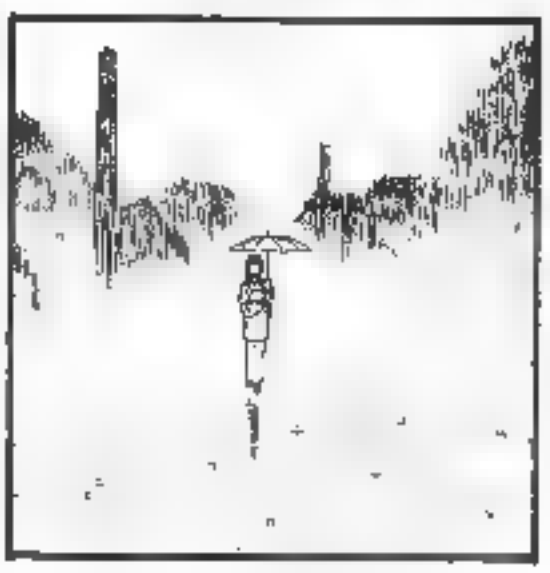

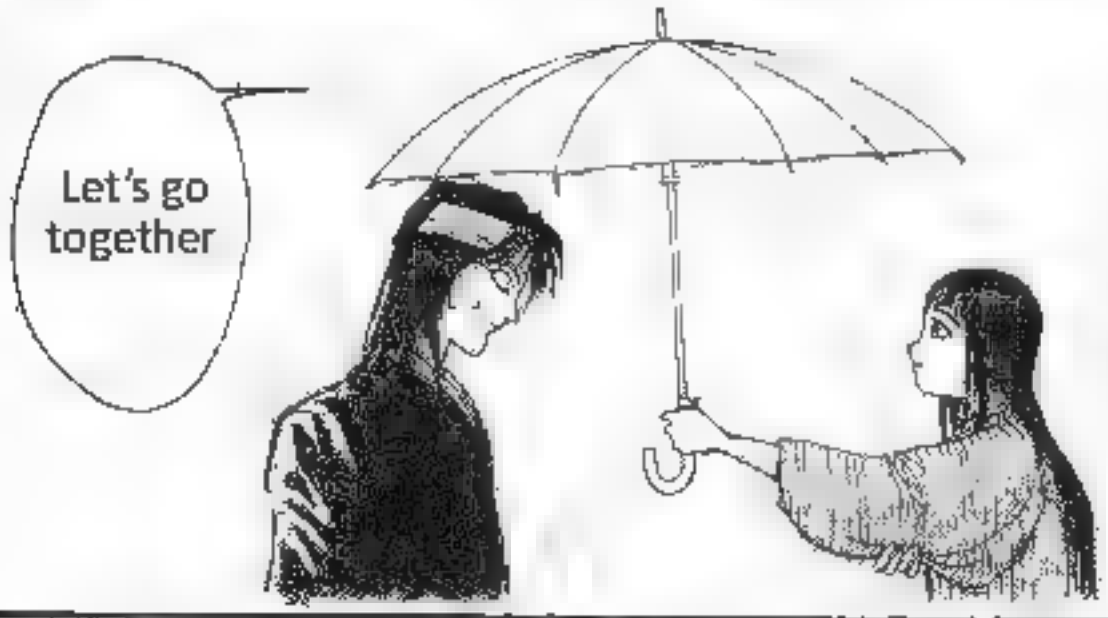

Just as I said

Uh fuh fuh

Ah-

Well don't laugh

What is it now?

The birds just want to sit on your shoulders

W-what name did you pick?

~cough~ ~cough~

but I've decided on a name for the baby

This might be far too early,

Uh fuh fuh Well, it's

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Thunder Dance

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Yoshinaka sama

Ha ha ha!

It seems I wasn't quite pious enough

Under the divine protection of Hachiman*, I had designs on the whole country

*Hachiman: the tutelary god of the Minamoto Clan

I will end my life with you, Yoshinaka-sama!

What are you saying?

It's best you go off somewhere to safety

Tomoe, I plan to die in battle now.

Hey, Tomoe

will be a joke if I am protected by a woman in my final hour!

But, don't you see the name of Minamoto Yoshinaka-

You are surely a woman warrior a match for a thousand

Silence, Tomoe!!

Even after all you've done, there's malicious gossip that you're a pretty but unrefined warrior, a dancing girl who'd be better off dancing.

Such talk is mortifying

We've been made the butt of jokes by the nobles and the country folk

We've been called ill-mannered hooligans and country monkeys

Since we drove the Taira up to the capital

Bi Bishaaan

Fuhn! Your dance is a good one, though

Dance, huh?

I've had enough of being laughed at

I just

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This happened 13 years ago.

What?

Yoshinaka-sama long ago something like this happened

My story has to do with that

But it ended up never appearing in our area

remember my godfather, your father Nakahara-dono, was busy preparing defences

A woman should have something to protect the home

Why does a girl need to draw a bow? What for? Why does a girl carry a tachi?

Fool!

You're not some nun with a naginata or a sword-wielding woman thief
You're the daughter of the Nakahara household

Komaou Yoshinaka's childhood name

Chichiue polite form of address for fathers

I want to be with Komaou*, Chichiue*!

No!

You will give up Bushido at once and be more ladylike!

Give this up. Play time is over

Why! Haven't I been riding horses and practicing sword with my brothers and Komaou all this time?

Ah-

So, it would be particularly strange if you were to be a concubine to-

It's to be my sister Yamabuki then?

Komaou's fiancée

You may love Yoshinaka dearly, but it's best you won't become his wife

!

No
I won't
be w
from

The sons of the lord of Nakahara are very promising [illegible] Yoshinaka-sama is a splendid man...

Is she running away from her guardians again?

[illegible] there
That's
Tomoe-sama
from
Nakahara
family's
household
isn't it?

Hah hah
Quite a bit of trouble for the nobles, eh?

But his oldest girl Tomoe-sama seems to think she can win Yoshinaka by imitating him

Anytime he went to war, I wouldn't be of any use.

How would that shape up even if I were Komaou's woman?

You can't
How many times must I say it for you to

Put

Ama tit e for a nun

Well, Ama*- san, how would you exorcise such a horr fic mononoke?

As you say but I beg you

We can't let some nun follow us to exorcise the mononoke

We are the group ordered by Higuchi dono to subjugate the mononoke dwe ng in these mountains and commiting atrocities

And it will reform its deeds.

t may take time but the mononoke will surely have a change of heart

And then waiting

By preaching Buddha s benevo ence with all my heart

Ama sama

Ah wait

Preaching to a mononoke

Ha ha ha! That's just great!

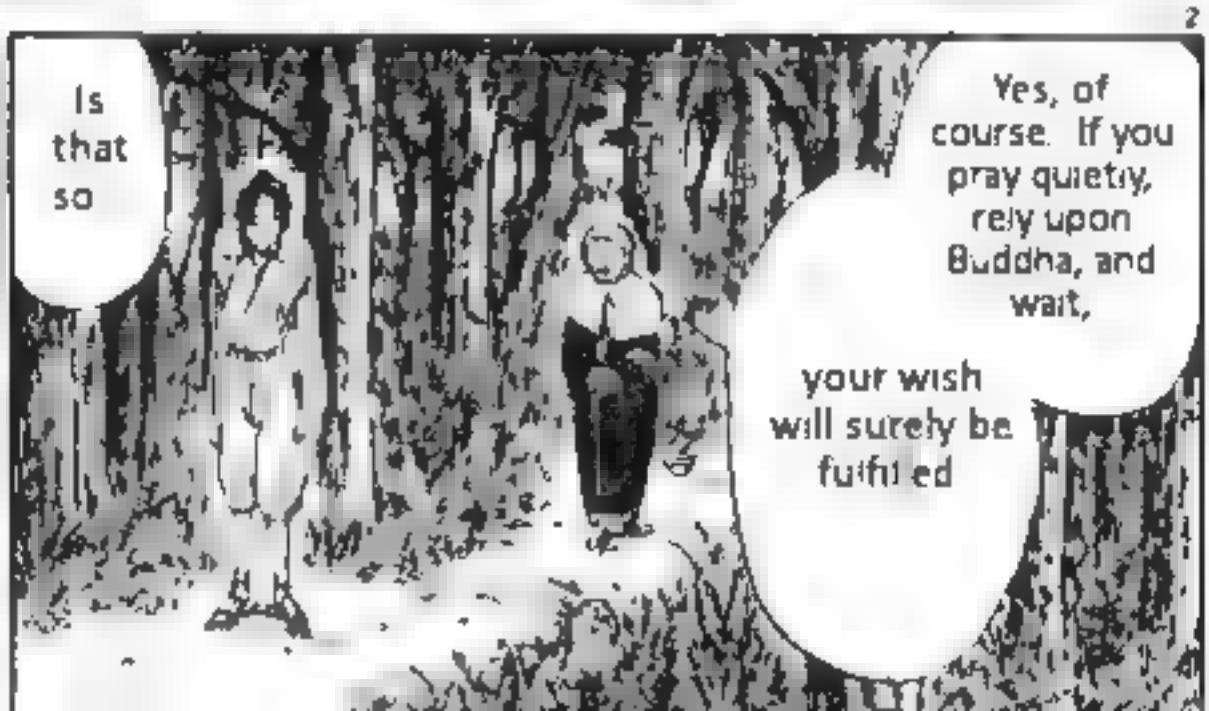
If you can manage to get up this mountain I'll guide you on your way

So, Ama-san, those rumors about bakemono living in these mountains aren't very re-ab e I come through here all the time.

Ha ha ha, just a country warrior called Tomoe
You must be a princess of some kind
Thank you very much Now that I see you there s such d gnity in your department

Is that really true? Do good things come from waiting?

Ama-sama, before you said that if you waited, the mononoke would change its ways in the course of time
But why d d you come here and guide an old nun?


Is that so
Yes, of course. If you pray quietly, rely upon Buddha, and wait,
your wish will surely be fulfilled

Tomoe-sama, is there something distressing you?

There's another reason aside from my father's words

.....?

Besides ...

My father deeply believes that woman cannot be warriors

I see. So you have choosen Bushidou for the sake of this young man

Goukyuu* a very tightly drawn bow

Yesterday, I was practicing goukyuu* with Komaou and my brothers

But no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't.

My brothers and Komaou could all draw theirs

When Komaou said that, tears started stream ng down my face

That's all right, Tomoe You're still really good at horses

Is waiting for Komaou really all that I can do?

Wait and pray?

I was torn by such embarrass ment

A woman cannot be a man

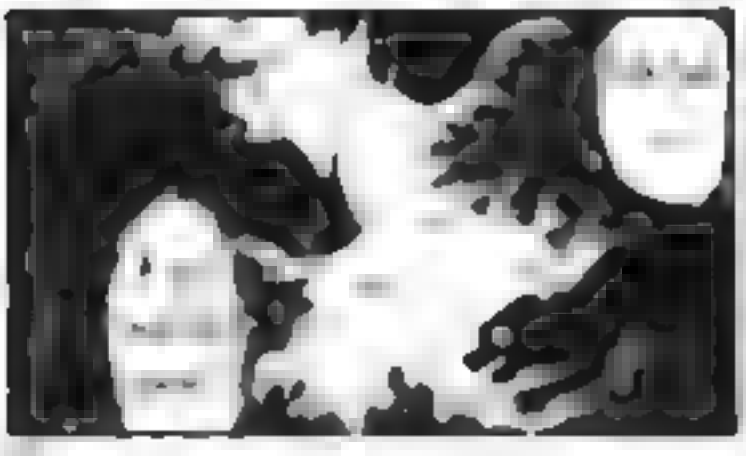
the other warriors who came before have-

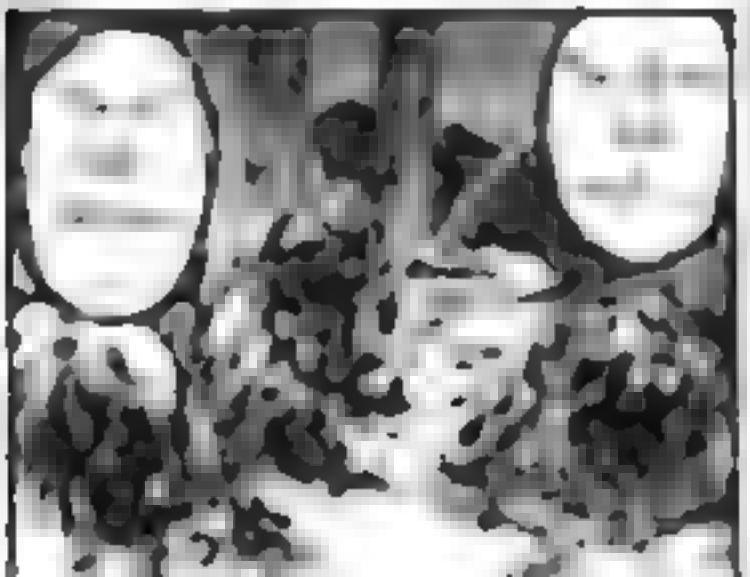
But, as for the mononoke,

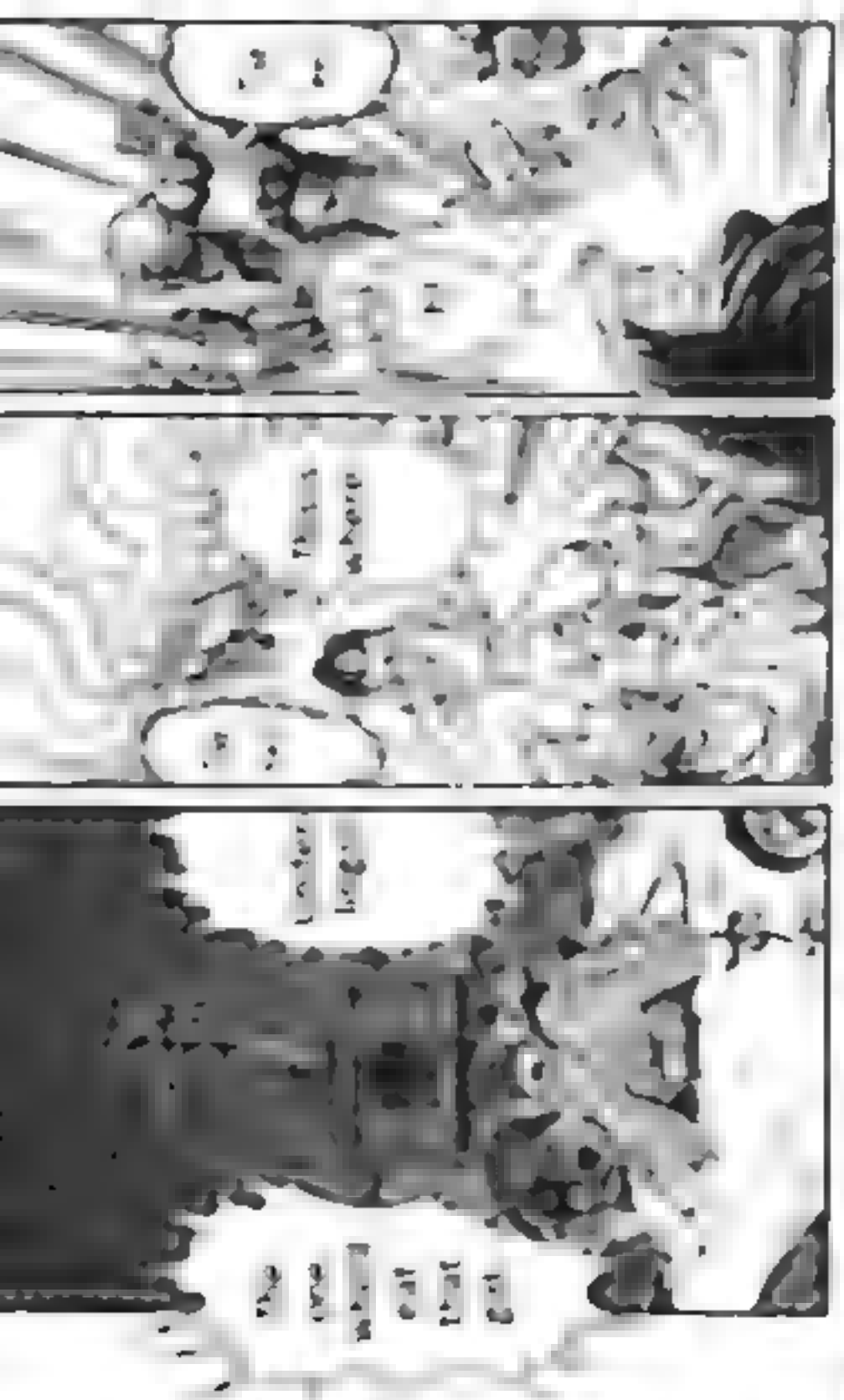
Just wait to see what will happen

Just that and rely on the mercy of Buddha

certainly







Curse you, mononoke!

Wh!

Chuh!

No.

You're going to preach to us, eh?

We heard. We heard.

Ama sama r-run

Tomoe sama!

Now, let us calmly pray

Buddha can save mononoke, just like everyone else

Try it! Come on, try it!!

If we do, surely something good-

Let us wait and think of Paradise

Nothing good will come of it!!

What the-

Ah
ah

Every one, get him!

That's not true!

And that bake-mono-

Keh, he even used my name I bet it was easy to gather underlings using my form

The one mimicking me?

If they'd faced me directly, they would have run. So I disguised myself

...You see, girl. I'm pretty good at mimicking humans...

You could have just gone off to some other land!

You made yourself human and walked right in among them

Then why did you come here on purpose!?

Heh, that might be so

It s no use! You re completely out-numbered! You can t hope to win!

Y you have to fight to show them that you're the real one?

What would have happened with time?

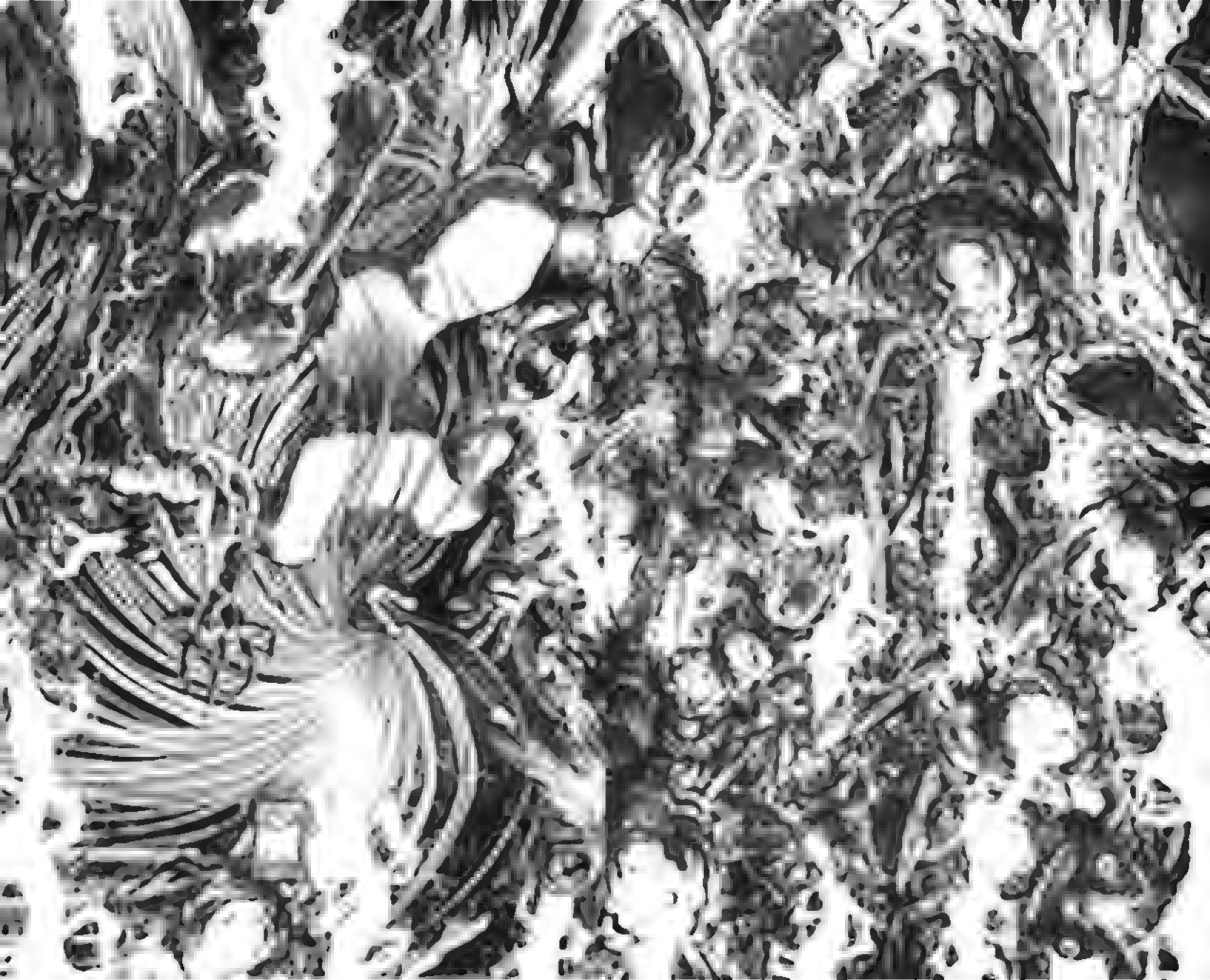
And then what?

Remember what I said when I was a human "If you pray and wait, something good will come"...

Anyone who waits for a wind to ride is a fool.

I'll teach

something



I see, Tomoe

To think such a thing happened

Well, after he had destroyed the other geshou*, he d sappeared into the mountains

Ha ha! How is it you weren't eaten by the real mononoke?

Until now, I too thought of it like a dream

*Geshou Bakemono

Neither will I, Yoshinaka

No human can become a sama mononoke

I won't be able to end this like that mononoke

.....

But

I am satisfied

That Tomoe is the most beautiful

Hah! Ha ha ha ha!

That is the dance you dance best

Yoshi naka, prepare yourself!

Yoshi naka sama, please excuse me!

I will show the opponent

woman

Yah yah! I am the

Gonnokami Kanetou, Lord of Kiso!

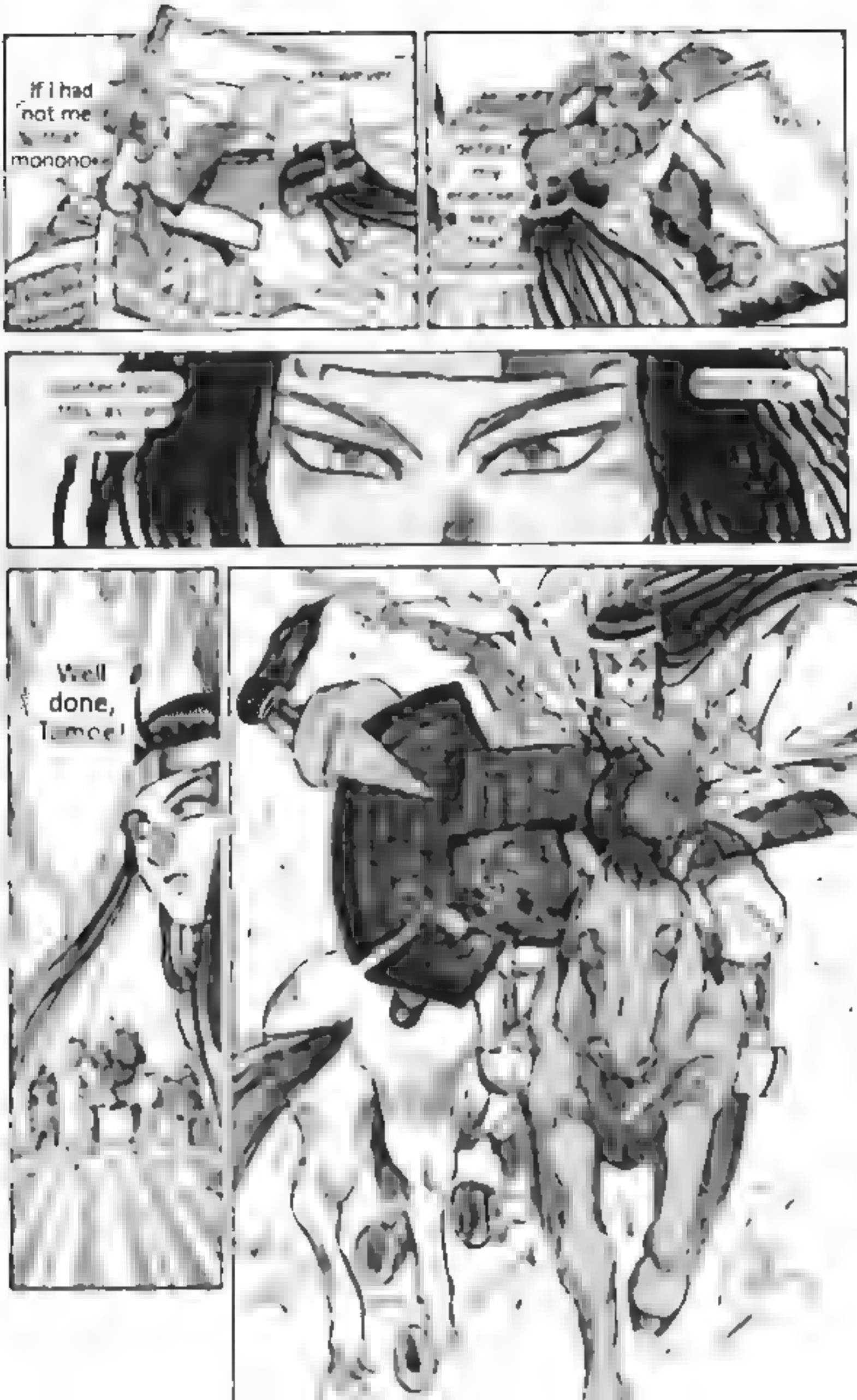
Well then

In the next world, with your brothers and me

Fare-well, Tomoe

Your opponent is Ondano Hachirou Moroshige!

You will draw that bow


If I had not me
Well done, Tamoe!

That's what Komaou said

I will dance as I do best . yes .

Reports of Tomoe Gozen are various and indefinite

But it is certain that she lived fiercely

After the battle, Kiso Yoshinaka was killed at Ouminkuni, Awazu.

Along with that mononoke...

Forever...

My heart will always be...

By your side,

Well, Komaou...

第6章

Thunder Dance-

by the God

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The End

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外伝

One-Woman Show

Hisa Ranja

Is there a Santa Claus!

Terrible terrible~

Ushio "Kuri

he taught Ushio about a very different

Before that, since Shigure Ojisan was very guilty that he left the house for work on Christmas,

Damn you! Damn you Papa!

If a child doesn't study, Santa comes for him

Tonight, after never having a Christmas up to this point, I'll make the most gorgeous one ever!

All right, let's do it!

I'll buy a cake with a wafer house on it, and a turkey! We'll decorate a huge tree!

I'll give my own present as Santa

Ushio-kun, tonight's Christmas Eve Come over to my place and we'll ca everyone for a

This is the one day he has to watch over the temple

~Present~

うしおととら

Is there a Santa Claus?

Shinta's Case

Santa, is there?

There is no

Wow, I bought every-thing but the kitchen sink!

Thank you!

Ah!

Thank goodness I got sucha b g bag~

And some drinks and a cake

Some toys I wanted, though it was a little embarr assing

I've got the Santa suit and hat

Screw Santa

Screw Christmas

My big chicken! It'd be sad if I didn't have that.

Screw you, stupid Santa!

H-Hey!

Hey, Giant Christmas Sale!

Yeah... Of course... Santa's just a fantasy... Santa isn't real...

If Santa's real... then...

always have to stay late at the daycare center.

why does my mom never...

Why will our mother come home late on Christmas...

Just like she does every other night?

Does Yuki have to eat ready-made stew in a bag?

Why, when every other family eats cake all together at night

Yuki looks forward to Christmas more than anyone!

Dammit! Yuki

We don't have a tree in our house, so I drew a picture of one

Is it pretty?

Christmas is the birthday of a great person...

Everyone celebrates it joyfully

This is my present

Here, Oniichan!

Ah ha ha! There's a hole in my sock

The presents will fall out!

Damm.t!

So, okay, at night on Christmas

Santa-san brings presents

Stupid adults
Stupid Santa
Everyone acting so merry

Dammit!
Dammit!

I saved 2300 yen worth of lunch money

That's why I wanted to get Yuki a present

Santa-san...

didn't come to our house, huh?

They don't know how she feels every year

when she wakes in the morning and her sock is empty!

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So I could get it

Why couldn't my parents just buy me the mountain bike instead of pretending Santa brought it?

Ugh Christmas is so stupid

But before I could

There's no Santa it's just tedious

They should just make it a day to give kids the money in the first place

Why does Santa only visit those who already have so much?

I had dropped all my money some where

And when the fight was over

I fought with them even though I know Santa's not real

まっかなおはなのトナカイさんはー

I'm stup d too

Oh no, you've got no money?

This really sucks

Ah hah hah, how funny

And it gives you the money back a 100 fold

you could always ask "Anaboko-san" for money

Well,

Well, there are so many parties at the end of the year

Yeah You throw a small coin in the drainage grate by the unused fountain in the municipal park and call to Anaboko san

Oh, that silly rumor

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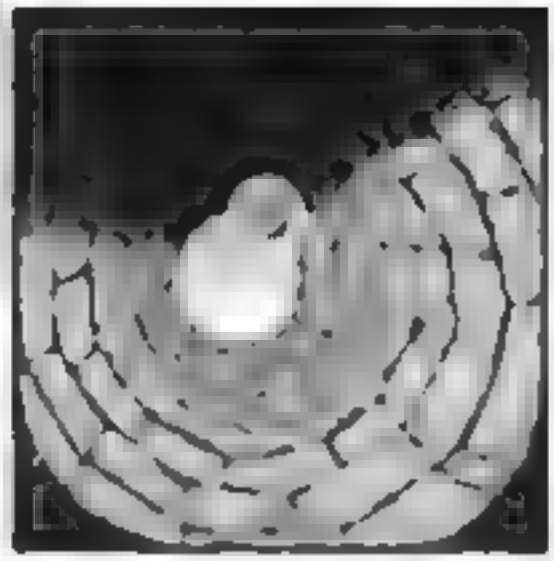

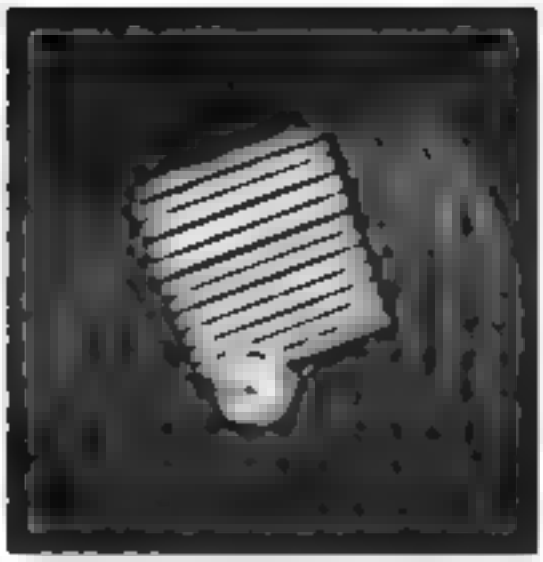

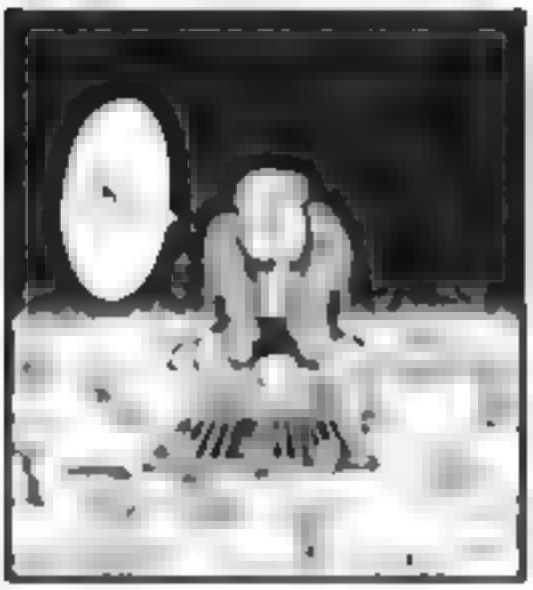

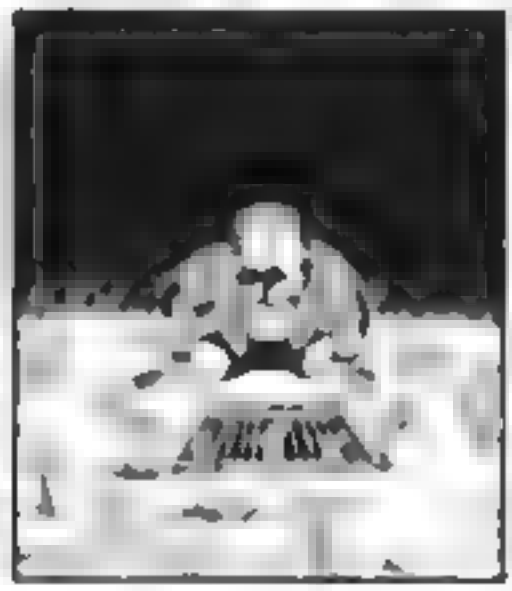

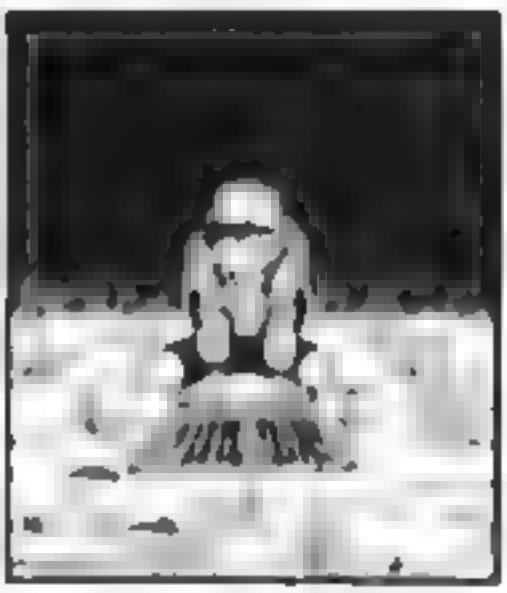

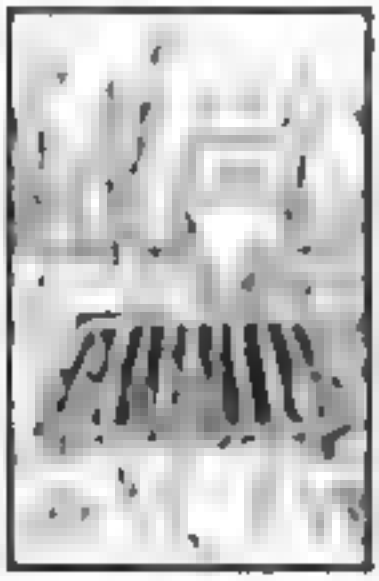

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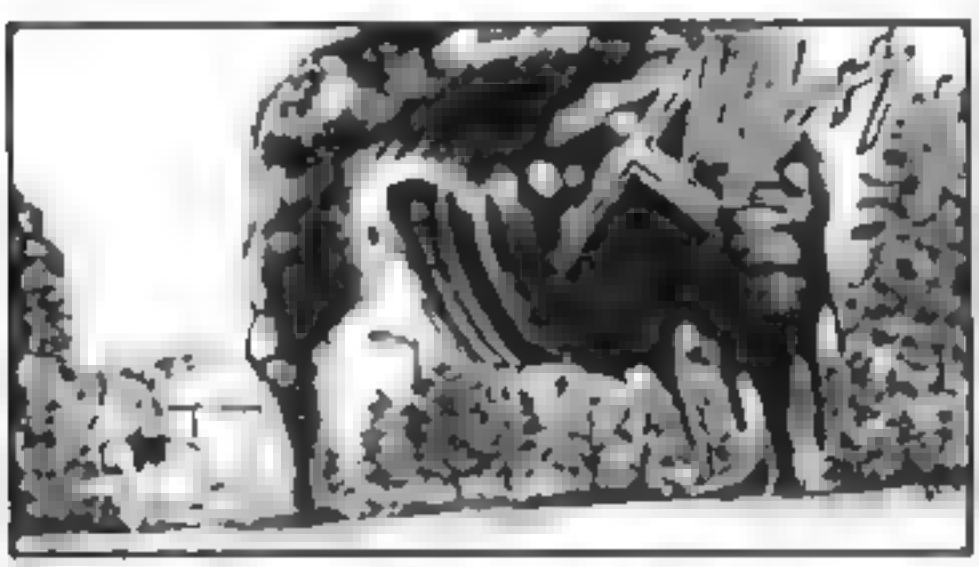
And it's so huge



Uwaah!

There s no way to get money eas·ly, without work

It's punishment delivered...

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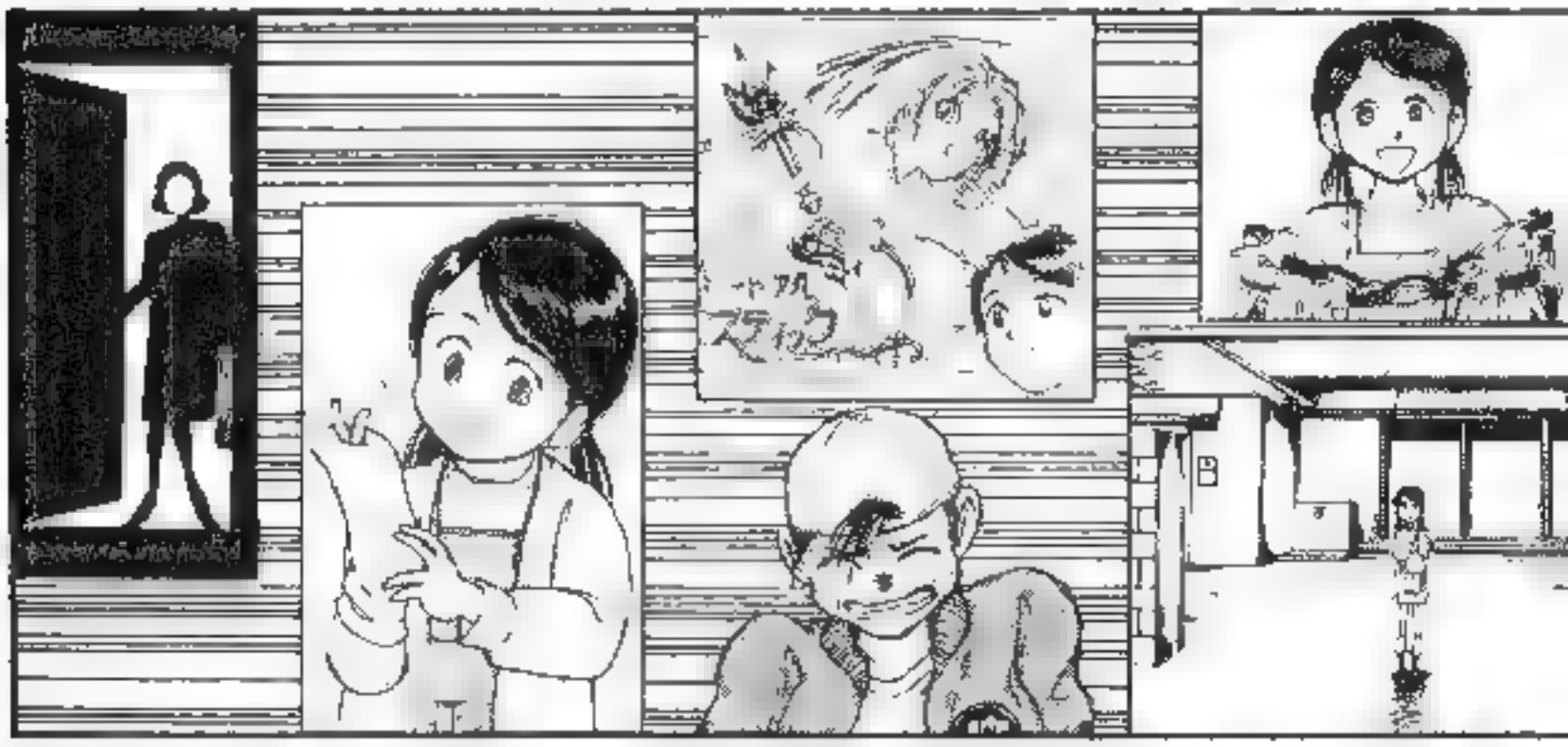
Here's your money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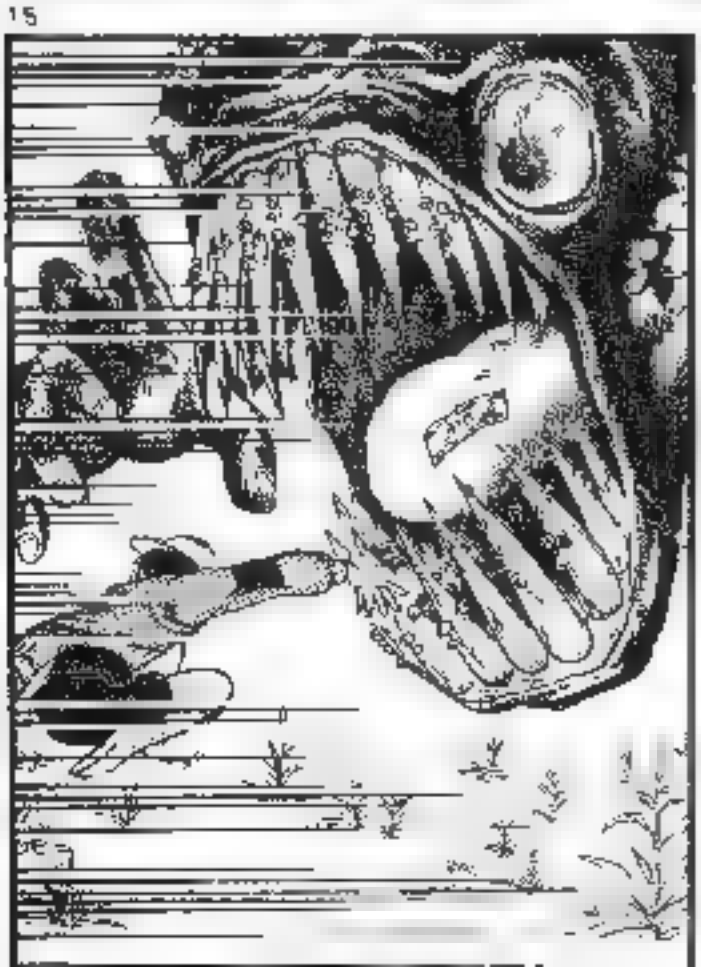
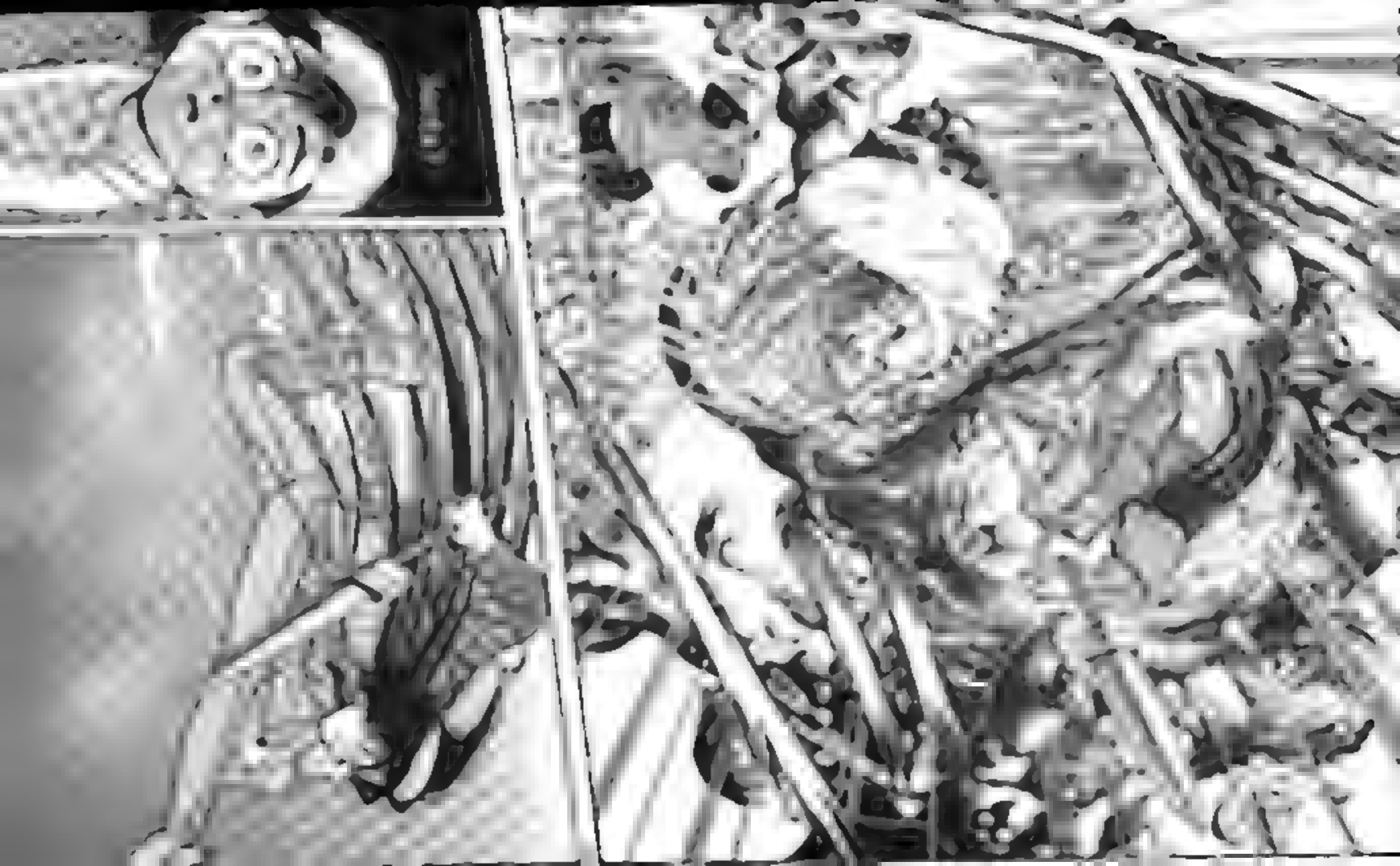


Damn you!!
Dammit, dammit! Dammit!

Dammit



I come to check it out and find this

The Spear suddenly started sounding

You okay?

Wow!

Present
プレゼント

Oniichan, how did you get all these presents?

Yummy! Yummy!

Give this to Yuki!

Santa said ..

W-what

Take it!

N-no, I can't. That's yours.

Here

But I

It was my fault.. I called that obake

Listen to me. I want to give these presents to you.

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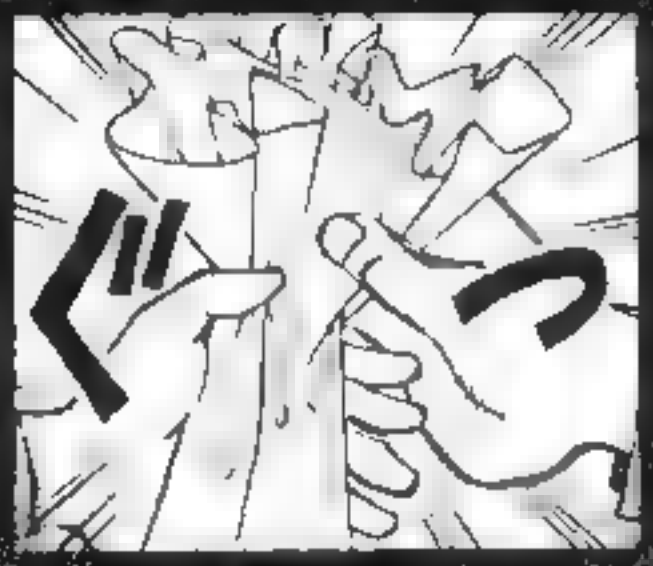
But you know it So it's okay



See ya You better hurry to Yuki chan

Ah

And that's enough for me

When facing a bake-mono,

what's most important to you floats up in your mind

Hm...

Onii-chan, are you... Santa?

Come on!

He's someone who brings presents that make children happy

What kind of person do you think Santa is?

Ah, .

Huh?

Then you already have a Santa, don't you?

Yuki-chan

I thought there was no Santa Claus too .

But. . I was wrong .

Anyone who give you a gift. .who knows how to make you happy .

That person is Santa Clause

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You said the Santa-san you met looked like a normal person.. But to me ..to me

Hm?

Hey, Onii-chan

Wow, it's Santa's hat

You looked just like Santa-san!

I'd have no complaints.

Now...

If it would only snow...

Yes, yes, Tora-chan. That's just an Asako-style present.

She says that while she's bringing all that other food too....

So my mother asked me to go take him some salad! On Christmas night!

His nutrition is always so one-sided- it's terrible.

Do you have a Santa Claus?*

*the question "is there a Santa" and "do you have a Santa" are the same in Japanese.

So many difficult things happen.

How about you?

●プレゼント・完●

Present- The End

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One-Woman Show
Presents

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